

## IMPROVEMENT AT THE INSTITUTE

### School Has Installed New Refrigerating Plant and Adds Other Features.

BLACKSBURG, VA., December 26.—The central refrigerating plant at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute is now practically complete, and will be in operation as soon as a few mechanical details are perfected. The cost to the college of installing this absorption system of refrigerating is about \$15,000, but it will be economical in operation, utilizing, as it will, the exhaust steam from the power house, and will greatly facilitate work in the creamery, at the ice plant, the fruit-evaporating cellars and in the dining hall, where nearly 500 people are fed every day, and the proper care and preservation of meat and other foodstuffs has been a most difficult problem heretofore.

Twelve hundred feet of pipe line has been laid from the power house, where the machinery for the system is installed, to the dining hall. In the latter building four cold storage rooms, holding fifty barrels each, have been constructed, sufficient to meet all demands upon the college for some years to come. From the mess hall 2,500 feet of pipe has been laid, carrying the air to the first floor of the agricultural hall for the dairy department and to the plant. Four thousand feet of double pipe line in all has been put under the surface of the campus this summer, one pipe carrying the liquid and the other to return the gases. The machinery for the system has been installed under the supervision of Mr. R. B. Macdonald, of the Ice Machine Supply Company, New York, and is of the most modern type.

**Dairy Department.**  
The dairy department will be installed in new quarters by the 1st of January with greatly enlarged space and equipment. The frame building, until now used as a creamery, and the cannery near by, will be torn down at once and the materials used for out-buildings on the farm. The removal of these rather unsightly structures will add greatly to the appearance of the campus, affording an unobstructed view from the chapel to the western limits of the grounds.

The department of dairying will occupy the entire first floor of the Agricultural Hall. Four storage-rooms are provided; one each for cheese and milk and two for butter; there is also a room for the manufacture of ice and the freezing of milk and cream for shipment.

There are also facilities for stock judging, a private laboratory for experimenting, a testroom and classrooms for the use of the student. Nearly half of the first floor will be used for the actual working equipment of the creamery; new separators and pasteurizers have been furnished and a receiving platform for the convenience of the farmers who bring their milk here in large quantities. With these increased facilities for dairying at close range with the industrial plant, the department of dairying is the best in the line of machinery and equipment to date.

**For New Buildings.**  
Mr. D. O. Mathews, superintendent of buildings and grounds, has just returned from New York, where he placed an order for two 500-horse power engines for the power-house, which will be in use as soon as they can be gotten here.

These will further increase the facilities for lighting and heating, and electric lights will be furnished in the town and on the college grounds wherever they are needed.

These improvements, which have been going on since the early summer, have had a direct bearing on the industrial conditions in and around Blacksburg. Wherever it was possible, home labor was used and nearly all who wanted work got it and received their pay regularly once a month, this also benefiting the merchants and other business men. With the shutting down of the mines, and the suspension of work on the railroads there would probably have been a great lack of work, and consequent hard times, but for the work at the college.

### High Point Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
HIGH POINT, N. C., December 26.—With the coming of the holidays, social circles are active, and many pleasant affairs have been and will be held until the passing of the new year.

The leap year dance given by the young ladies of the city Monday night at the Chamber of Commerce, was one of the most successful ever given in the manufacturing city. Those present were: Misses Courtney and Elmer, Shiplett, Helen Brockert, Kate and Frances Ingram, Genevieve Tate, Helen Brooks, Ruth and Mabel Freeman, Rosa and Mary Short of Washington, N. C., Florence Weedon, of Marion; Messrs. Ward Eschelman, Dr. Frank E. Perkins, and Abner Mills. Robert Brockert, Jr., Charles Alderman, of Greensboro; Mr. Ladd, Gray Archer, John Lindsay, Lloyd Hunt, Chase Idol, Lewis White, Walter Chesser, Willie McClure, J. J. Gold, Robert Brockert, Rob. Moore, J. B. Reeder, Chaparrons—Mrs. J. B. Reeder, Mrs. Wilkes McClave, Mrs. T. J. Gold, Mrs. J. T. Griffin, Mrs. Robert Brockert, Mrs. L. J. Ingram and Mrs. Thomas of Richmond.

Mr. O. T. Club met with Mrs. Charles M. Hauser Tuesday evening, and most of the members were present. Those present were Mesdames A. S. Caldwell, S. H. Tomlinson, J. D. Cox, W. L. C. Jones, T. J. Quinn, James J. Farries, Misses Berta Rogan, Connie Charles, Blanche Bradshaw, Mrs. S. H. Caldwell, Mrs. C. W. Cox, and Clara Cox will be at home to their friends at the Elwood, the night of January 25th, from 3 to 12 o'clock.

Mrs. D. H. Parsons has returned from a visit to relatives in West Virginia. Mrs. Diffe is visiting her son in Georgia, and will be absent several weeks.

Mrs. H. F. Stacey is spending the holidays at Marion, visiting her three married daughters who reside there.

### Williamsburg Social News.

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WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 26.—Mrs. L. W. Lane, Jr., was called to Suffolk Monday on account of the death of her uncle, Mr. Randolph Mason, of St. Louis, is here to spend the holidays with his family.

Brooklyn Scott returned to her home in Richmond, Monday, after a short visit to Miss Elizabeth Coleman.

Miss Mary Henley has returned home from Surrey to spend Christmas with her family.

Miss Virginia Harrison arrived here Monday from Mount, Va., to spend two weeks with her family.

Miss Margaret Murphy left Tuesday

to spend Christmas with friends in Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Virginia Peachy has returned home from Norfolk, where she has been visiting Miss Lucetta DeJarnette.

Mrs. Virginia Peachy, who is instructor at the State Normal School, is spending her vacation with her family here.

Mr. Dixon Foster is visiting his parents in Norfolk.

Dr. Clyde Hall left Thursday to spend several days with friends in Norfolk.

Miss Catherine Morecock, who has been spending several months in Fauquier county, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Dora and Cora Armistead are spending their Christmas vacation at their home here.

Miss Rose Warburton, who has been attending Chatham Episcopal Institute, is spending Christmas with her father, Mr. Warburton.

Miss Florence Kinney, who has been the guest of Miss North Macdonald at Carter's Grove, has returned to her home in Staunton.

Miss Elsie H. Macdonald and daughter, Elizabeth, returned home Monday from Weyanoke.

Miss Mamie Jones has returned home from the State Normal School, to spend the holidays with her family.

### South Boston Social News.

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SOUTH BOSTON, VA., December 26.—The Baptist Church at this place has purchased a handsome chandelier. It is finished in gilt and has sixteen electric bulb drops, and adds much to the beauty of the church.

Mrs. Inez Ivy Knott, of Asheville, N. C., visited her sister, Mrs. Sam Dunn, here this week.

Miss Mattie Hardy, of West Virginia

is visiting Mrs. T. L. Roberts, near

Chatham.

The Chatham, Va., December 26.—

Mr. Wallace Ingram, of Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. George L. Corbin, of Durham, and Mr. James Ingram, of Danville, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ingram, at this place.

Mrs. Charles Chandler and children, of Newport News, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Motley, near this place.

Mr. James Lipscomb, Jr., of this place, is visiting friends in Danville.

Mr. Arthur Moore, of South Carolina, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Clara Moore, at "Mooreland," this place.

Misses Marie Easley, May Fowles, Bessie Dunn, Janie Lawson, Lula Harrell, Happy Wilder, Mattie Yancey, Messrs. Bernard Shepherd, Fred Coleman and Howard Tucker, students from the various schools, are here to spend the holidays.

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### Club Lunch, 40c.

Served daily in the restaurant from 12 to 3 P. M.  
Daintily served. Menus changed daily.



## Women's Suits,

Values \$17.50 to \$35, Now

**\$11.69 & \$19.89**

No full line of sizes in any one style, but practically all sizes in each assortment. The Suits are this season's models, & have been splendid sellers at their original prices.

Broadsheet Hard Finish Worsted & Fancy Cheviot Suits for women, Juniors & misses, one style of which is illustrated at the left; regular \$17.50 to \$23.50 values, now **\$11.69**

The illustration at the right shows one of a number of styles in \$27 to \$35 Suits, now offered for \$19.89. Broadsheets in a variety of colors & hard finish worsteds, in stripes & checks, directoire or plain, 36-inch coats; also misses' styles. **\$19.89**



### Furs!

Just to let you know that, despite an enormous holiday trade, we're in good shape to fill whatever needs you may have in Furs.

We're particularly strong on 'low-priced articles.

Large Throw Caracul, \$3.95 & \$4.95.  
Pillow Shape Caracul, \$4.05.  
Mink, satin lined, \$4.05.

Fox Muffs, pillow shape, \$5.95 & \$6.95.  
King Muffs, of Isabella & Sable Fox, \$12.95 & \$17.50.

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Pillow Muffs of blended squirrel, choice pieces, \$5.05, \$10 & \$12.50.  
Jap Mink Muffs, pillow & rug shapes, \$11.50 & upwards.

Fur Sets for Children, \$1.95, \$2.50, \$2.95, up to \$5.05.  
White Angora, Krimmer, Gray Squirrel and River Mink.

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Brown Coney Throw Scarfs, medium length, satin lined, \$1.05.  
Brown Coney Muffs to match, pillow or square shape, medium size, satin lined, \$2.95.

## Special! Reduced Prices on Holiday Goods

All goods that show any handling, that are soiled or broken in assortment, will be closed out this week at special prices.

This includes Books and Stationery, Bric-a-Brac, Odd China, Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Muslin Underwear, &c.

Without going into detail we may say that for Genuine Bargains you'll not see anything like these articles.

**Women's \$1, \$1.25 & \$1.50 Mocha Gloves, 69c**

Blacks, tans & browns—Broken sizes, but splendid values if your size is here—and it most likely is in the assortment.

## Special Sale of Evening Silks

We're making a display of these fabrics in the main aisle of our Silk Section, and also in the Broad Street windows.

The Silks are exceptionally attractive, not only in appearance, but on account of their low prices.

We invite the closest inspection of these fabrics.

### Satin Messalines, 69c Yard

Beautiful evening shades, such as pearl, light tan, ivory, cream, old rose, light blue, new lavender, lavender, mals, etc.

### Colored Taffetas, 75c Yard

In a full line of evening shades.

### Silk Jacquard, 39c Yard

27 inches wide, with bright lustrous dots.

### Cotton Warp Crepe de Chines, 19c Yard

27 inches wide, white, cream, lavender, light blue, cardinal & Nile green.

### Crepe de Chines, 39c Yard

White, cream, Nile, pink & corn.

### 75c Printed Crepe de Chines, 59c Yard

White grounds, with pretty floral designs.

### Bordered Crepe de Chines, 48c Yard

Satin Stripe Chiffon Cloths, \$1.00 Yard

In beautiful printed effects.

### Seco Silks, 29c Yard

In pretty evening shades.

## Dress Goods Worth Up to \$2 Yard

The biggest bargains in Dress Goods this season are now on sale here. The department & one of the Broad Street windows contains Suitings for 75c yard that in some cases have retailed at \$2 yard. An after-Christmas opportunity that you shouldn't miss.

### Worsted Suitings, 50c Yard

36 inches wide, in the new chevron and diagonal weaves.

### 48c and 75c Plaids, 29c Yard

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\$1.00 and \$1.50 Dress Goods, 50c Yard

## Women's 35c Hosiery, 19c pair

Black cotton in medium & heavy weight; Black, Brown & Tan Gauze Lisle and Fine Gauge White Lisle Stockings.

Every pair a 35c value, and sold at a special price by a New York importer cleaning up for inventory. There isn't any such hosiery values in Richmond at 19c as these.

All fine imported German Stockings.

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